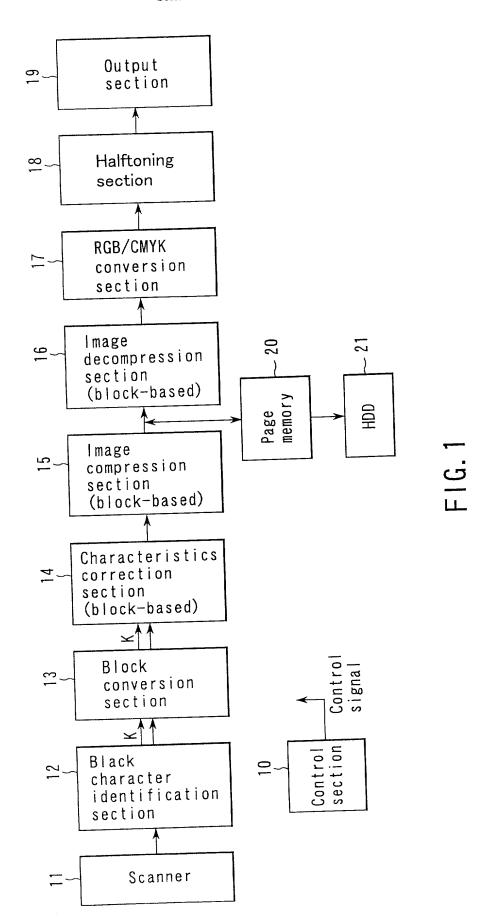
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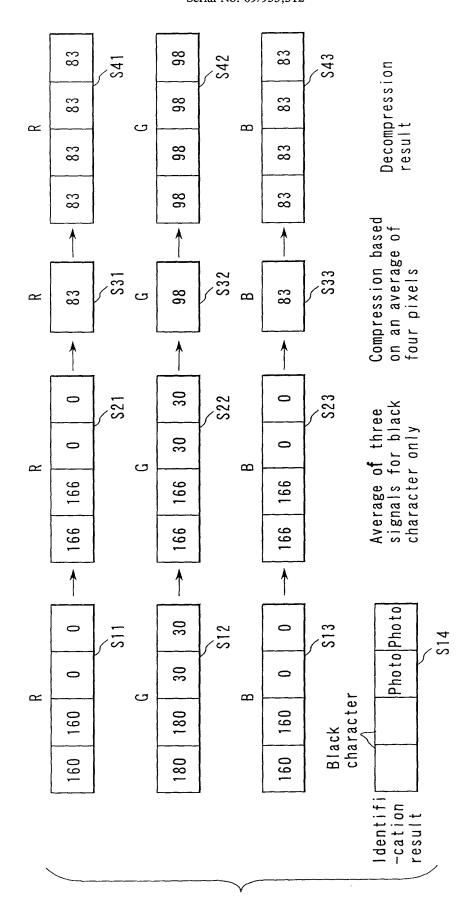
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

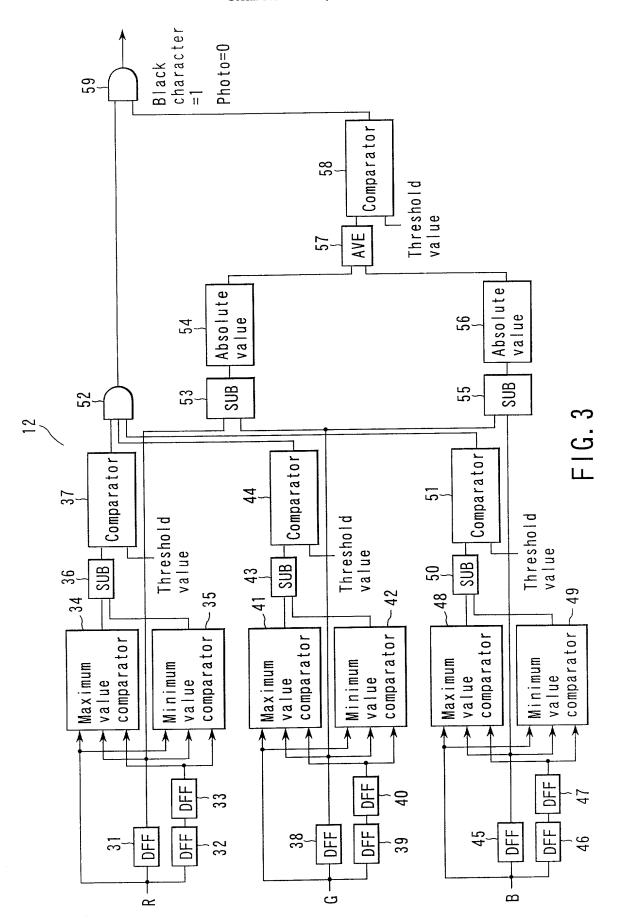
An image compression and decompression apparatus comprises a identification section, a conversion section, a characteristics correction section, an image compression section, and a decompression section. identification section identifies given color image information and outputs an identification signal. conversion section converts color image information to block-based color image information having a specified length. The characteristics correction section corrects block-based color image information with respect to characteristics thereof in units of the blocks based on an identification signal output from the identification section. The image compression section compresses a corrected image in units of blocks and stores the compressed image in a storage area. decompression section decompresses a compressed image in units of blocks.



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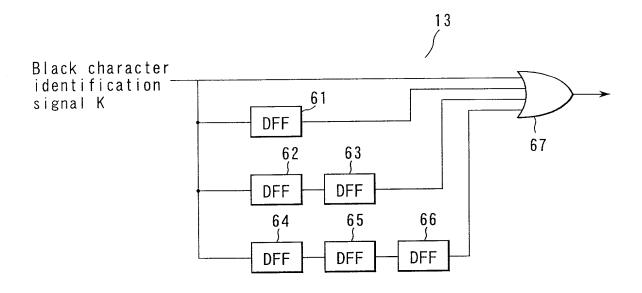
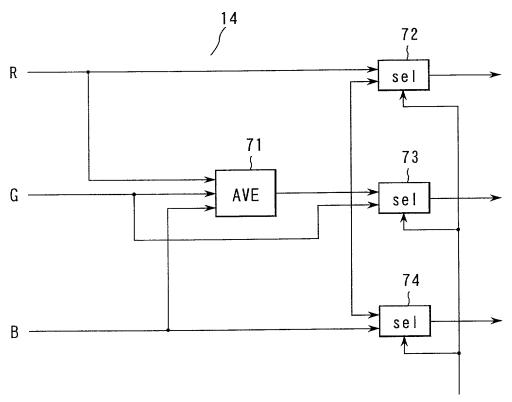


FIG. 4



Blocked black character identification signal K

FIG. 5

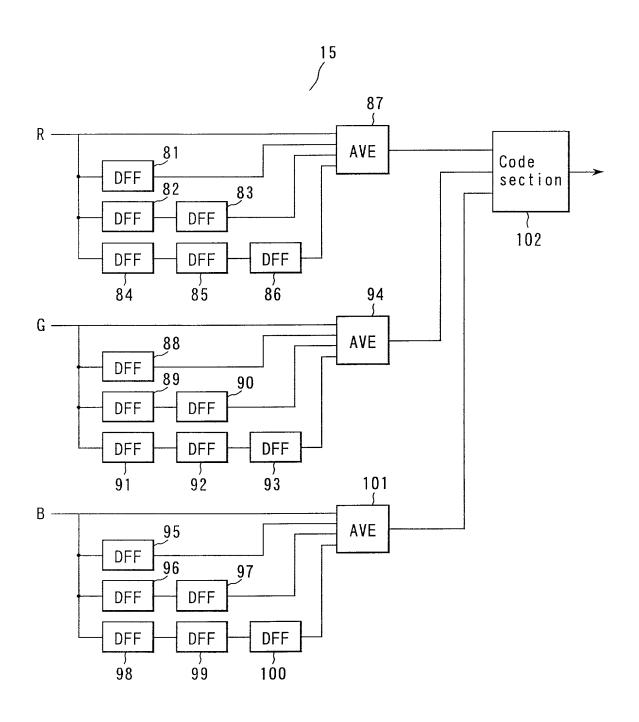
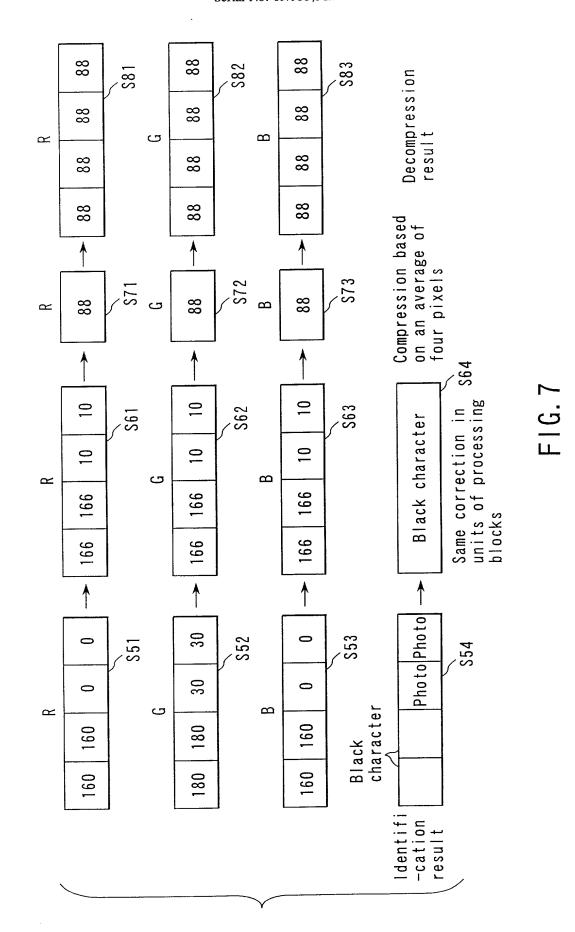
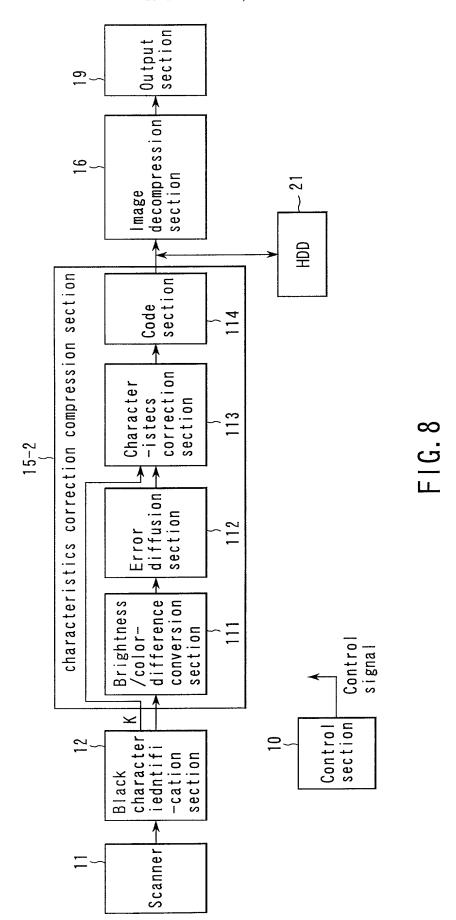


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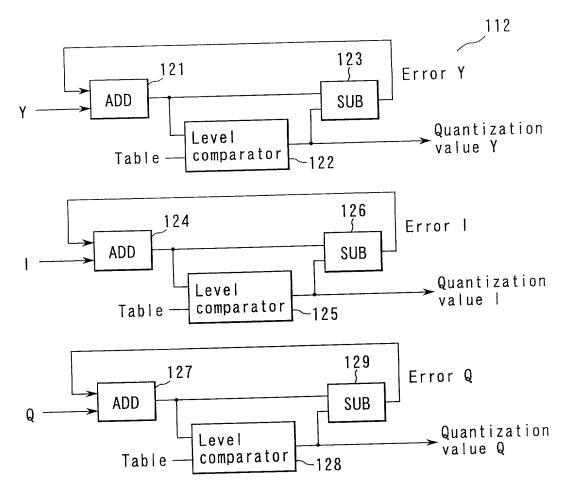


FIG. 9

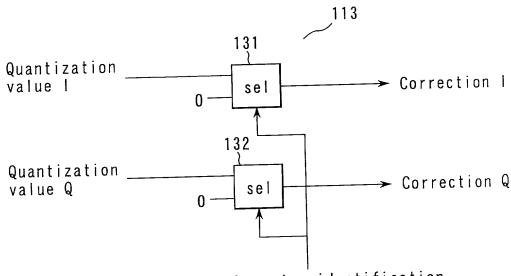


FIG. 11 Black character identification signal K

Color difference table 10

Quantization

Threshold

value

value

×< -224

 $-224 \le \times < -160$

96->×≥ 091-

-96 ≤×< -16

-16 ≤×< 16

-128

-56

table r	Quantization value	0	16	33	20	29	84	101	118	135	152	169	186	203	220	237	255
Brightness t	Threshold value	∞ ∨ ×	8 ≤×< 25	25 ≤×< 42	42 ≤×< 59	59 ≤×< 76	76 ≤×< 93	93 ≤×< 110	110 ≤×< 127	127 ≤×< 144	144 ≦×< 161	161 ≤×< 178	178 ≤×< 195	195 ≤×< 212	212 ≤×< 229	229 ≤×< 246	246 ≤×

FIG. 10B

255

128

96 ≤×< 160

16 ≤×< 96

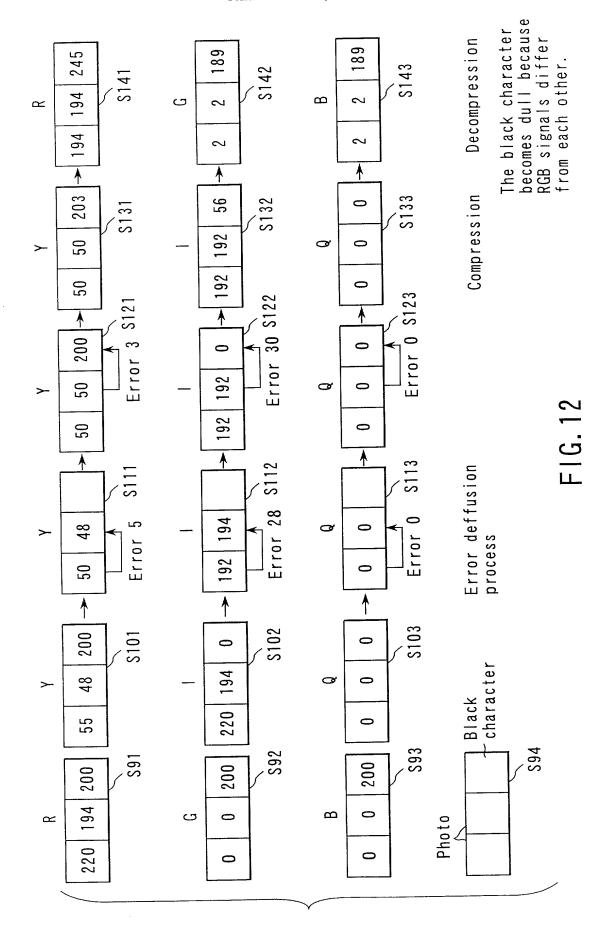
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192

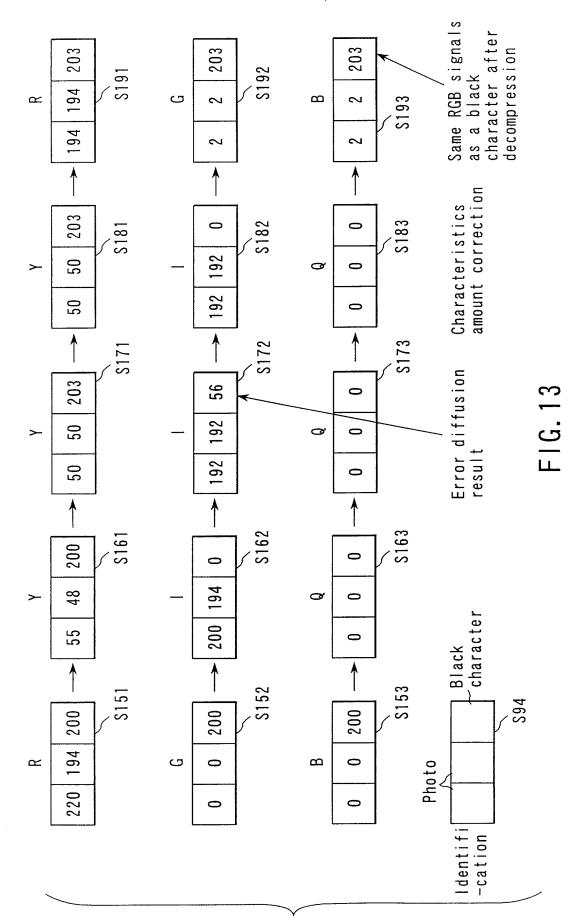
160 ≤×< 224

124 ≦×

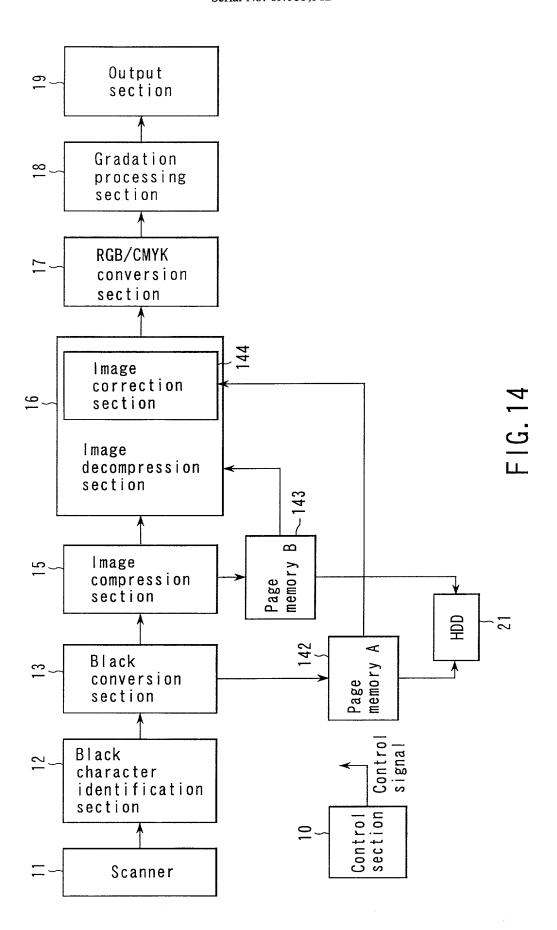
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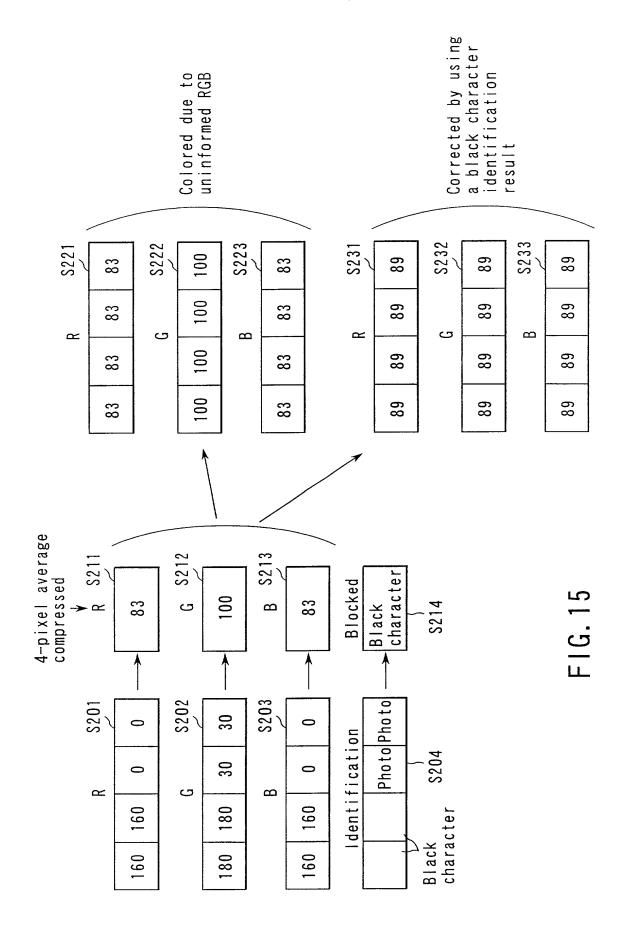
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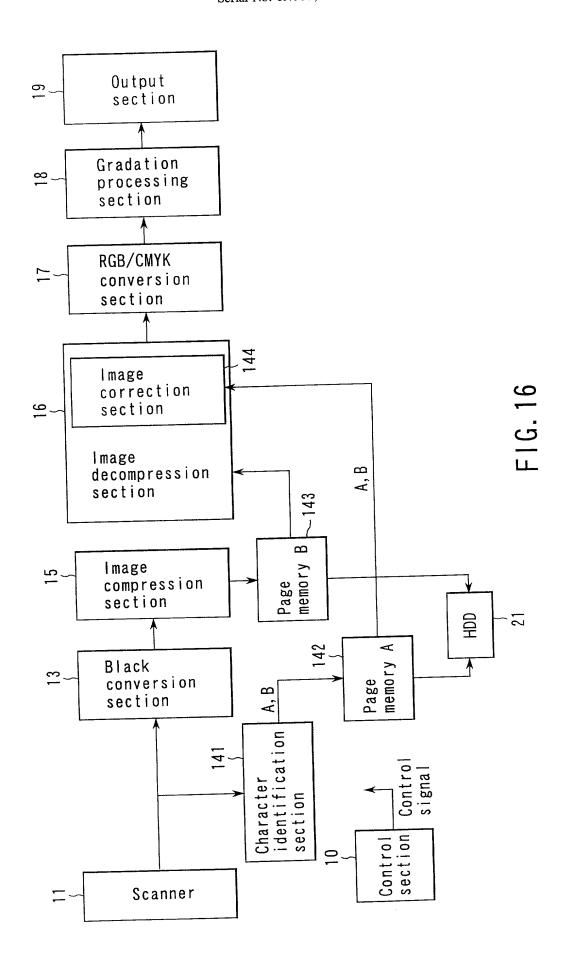
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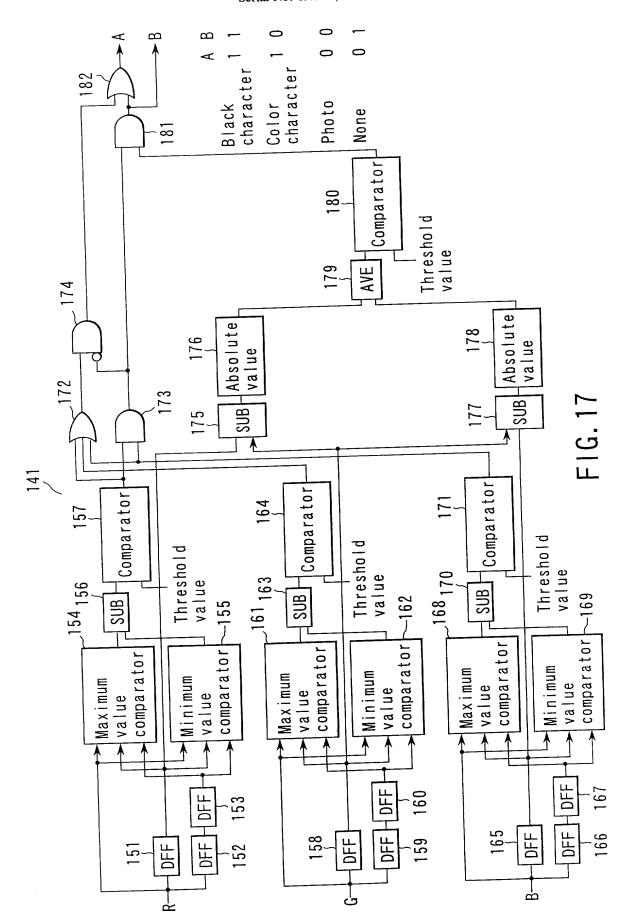


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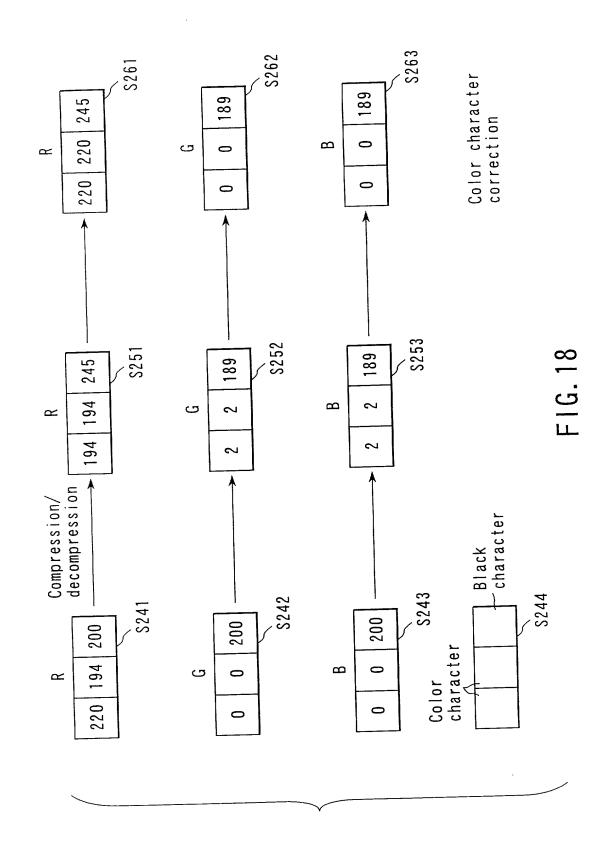


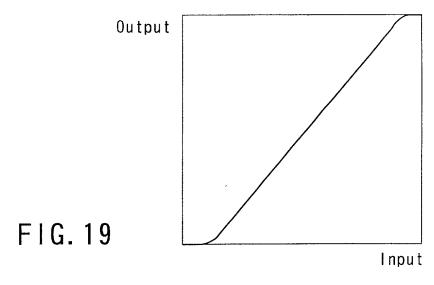
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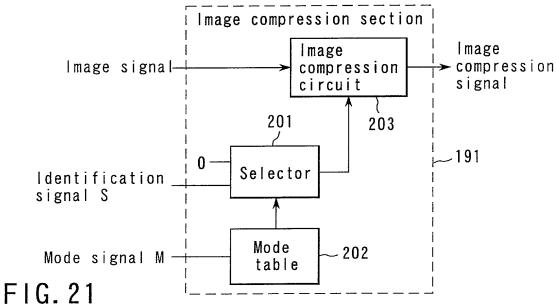




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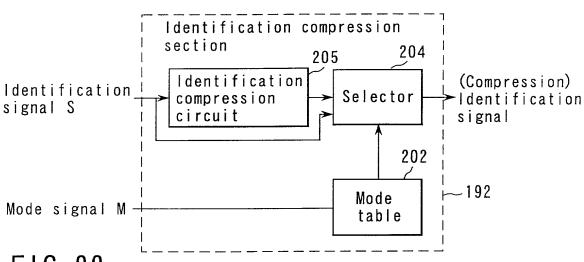
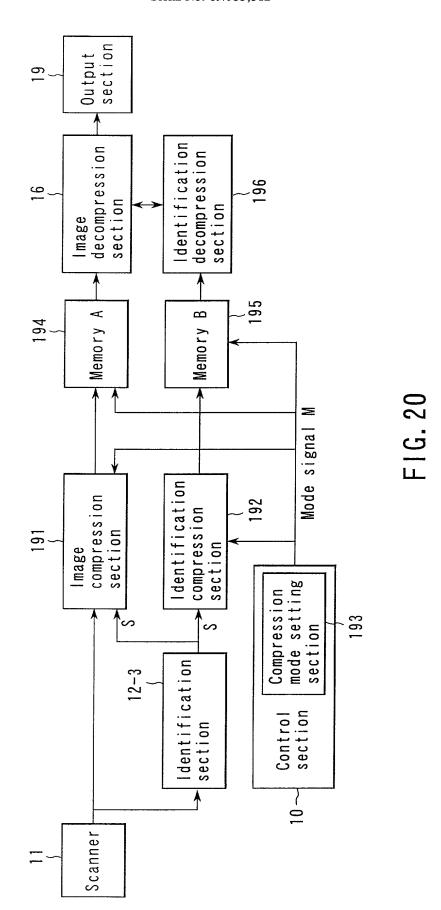
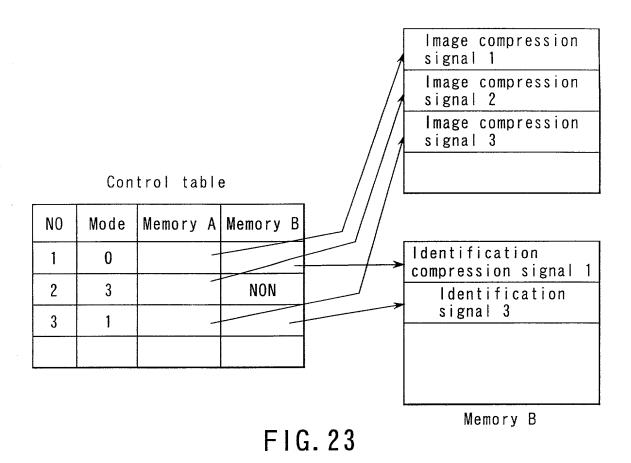


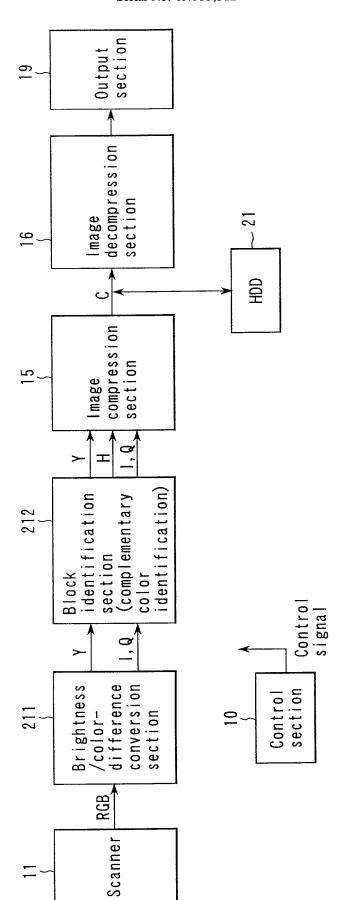
FIG. 22





Mode	Mode table image	Mode table identification					
0	Identification signal	Identification compression					
1	Identification signal	ldentification data					
2	Identification not used	ldentification compression					
3	ldentification not used	No identification					

FIG. 24



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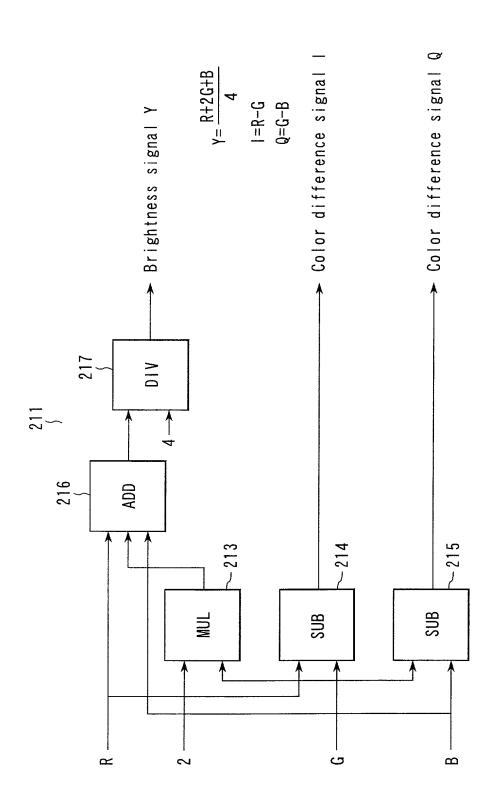


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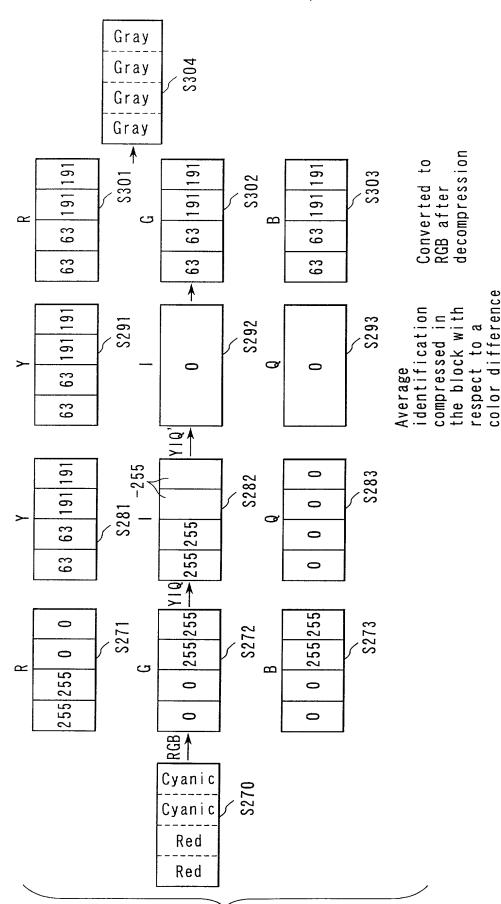


FIG. 27

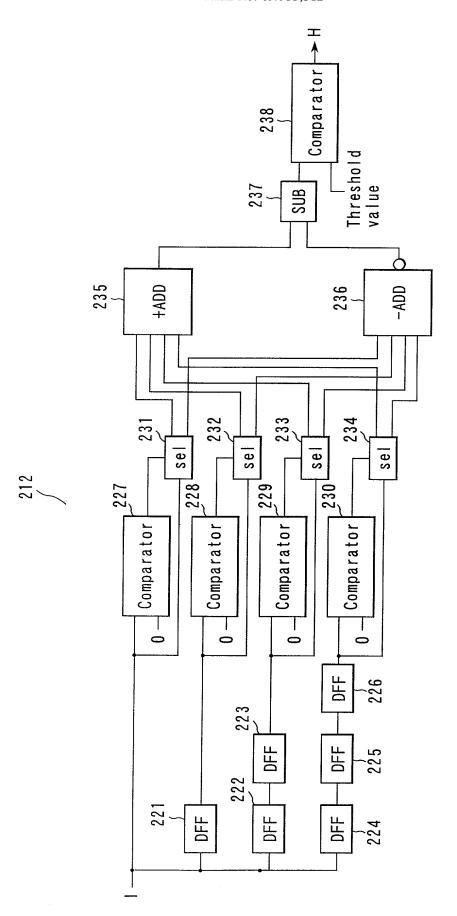


FIG. 28

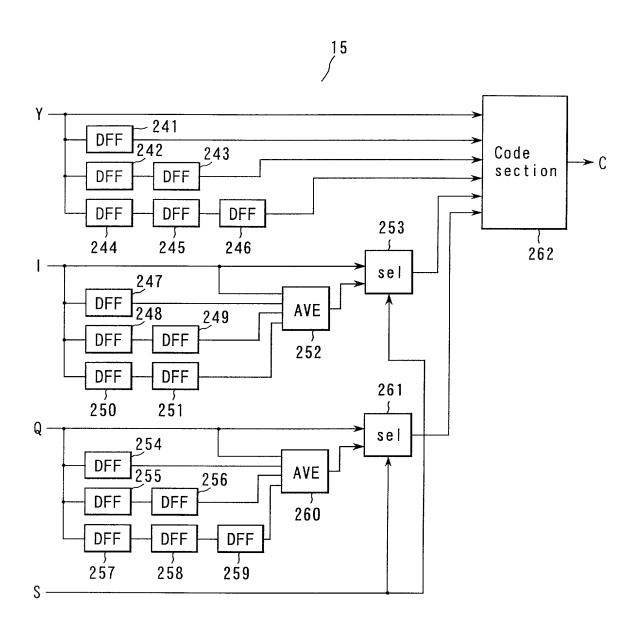


FIG. 29